

## **MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

**Subject: Maryland Hospital Enrollment in the National Healthcare Safety Network**

Pursuant to Health General Article §19-134(e)(6) and COMAR 10.25.04, the Maryland Health Care Commission requires all Maryland acute general hospitals to enroll in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system effective July 1, 2008. Maryland acute care hospitals are required to use the NHSN system to report data to the Maryland Health Care Commission on Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) in all intensive care units, beginning on July 1, 2008.

A meeting will be held on Friday, April 25, 2008 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon at the offices of the Maryland Hospital Association (Building 2, Conference Rooms A and B, 6820 Deerpath Road, Elkridge, Maryland) to provide NHSN training for Maryland hospitals. Additional information regarding NHSN training is available on the Commission's website at:

[http://mhcc.maryland.gov/healthcare\\_associated\\_infections/index.html](http://mhcc.maryland.gov/healthcare_associated_infections/index.html) or by contacting Deborah Rajca, Program Manager, Hospital Quality Initiatives, at [drajca@mhcc.state.md.us](mailto:drajca@mhcc.state.md.us); 410-764-3257.

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